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RE THE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: Door Edge Protection System

for Conventional Autorack Rail Cars

) Examiner: Stephen T. Gordon

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of one month to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated April 7, 2003. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than June 7, 2003.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17, the required fee of \$110 is attached hereto.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required to complete the filing of this renewal application, or credit any overpayment involved, to the Deposit Account No. 12-0913 of the firm of the undersigned attorney.

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